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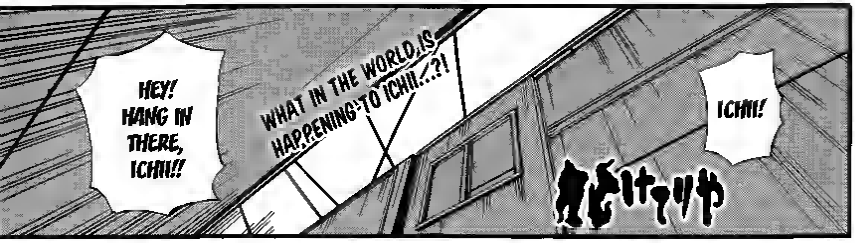

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TO PROTECT YOU...
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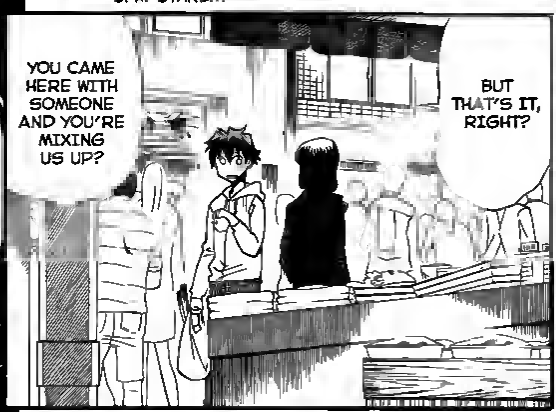
SFX: STARE
WE CAME!
?
A LONG TIME AGO, IT WAS HERE
THAT WE CAME TOGETHER.
YOU WEREN'T ABLE TO LEAVE THE UNIVERSITY BEFORE NOW.
?
HUH? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

GEH...
WH-WHAT ARE YOU GETTING ALL WORKED UP ABOUT?

I LIED.

SFX: STARE...

WAAH-- YOU'RE GONNA BITE ME AGAIN, AREN'T YOU?


YOU CAME HERE WITH SOMEONE AND YOU'RE MIXING US UP?
BUT THAT'S IT, RIGHT?

CHOOO!!
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GUWA, THAT'S DISGUSTING!
YOU'RE AWFUL!!
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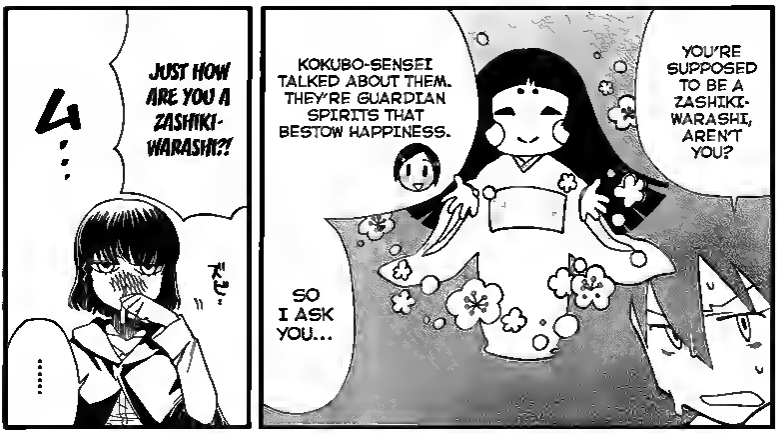
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE A ZASHIKI-WARASHI, AREN'T YOU?
KOKUBO-SENSEI TALKED ABOUT THEM. THEY'RE GUARDIAN SPIRITS THAT BESTOW HAPPINESS.
SO I ASK YOU...
JUST HOW ARE YOU A ZASHIKI-WARASHI?!
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ACHOO
NEVER MIND, LET'S JUST GO HOME...
ACHOO
COULD SHE HAVE A COLD?
ACHOO
ACHOO
HUH? FLOWERS BLOOMED OUT OF NOWHERE?
ACHOO
SFX: POP POP POP POP POP
WELCOME, WELCOME
ACHOO

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ACHOO
ACHOO
POP
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合格
WHA... WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON?
ICHII!

WHAT'S UP WITH YOUR HAIR?!
!?
ICHI?!
ACHOO
YOU'RE ...
GASP
GASP

TH... THAT'S RIGHT.
BUT YOU KNOW, ZASHIKI-WARASHI AREN'T JUST GIVERS OF HAPPINESS.
IN EXCHANGE FOR THAT HAPPINESS THEY DRAIN THEMSELVES TO EXHAUSTION.
EVERYTHING COMES AT A PRICE.

A YOUKAI WITH SUCH A HARSH FATE.
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ICHII, GIMME YOUR SHOULDER!! WE'LL GO RIGHT BACK TO THE UNIVERSITY.
I'LL BE FINE BY MYSELF.
I DON'T NEED IT.
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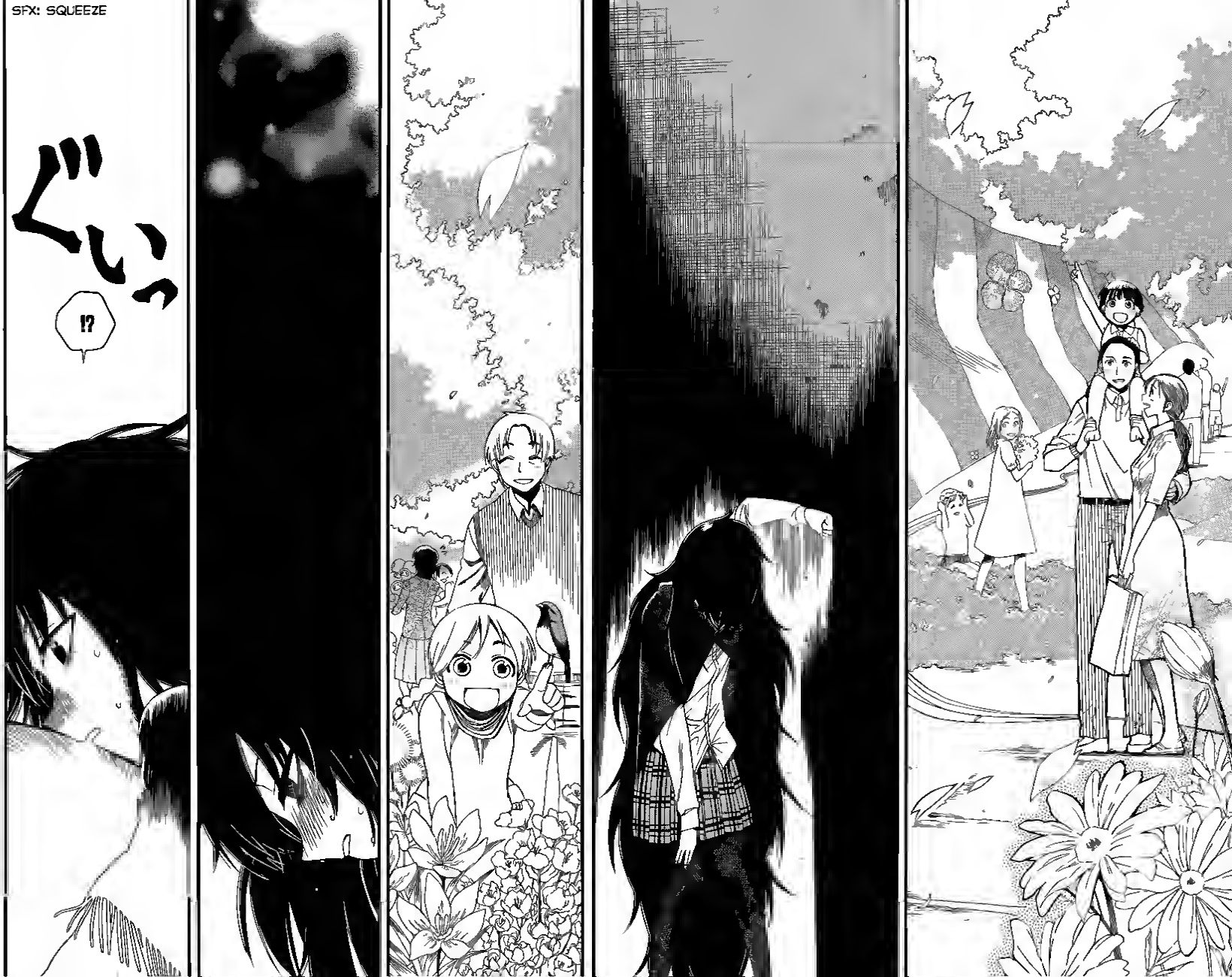
SFX: WOWIE


SFX: SQUEEZE
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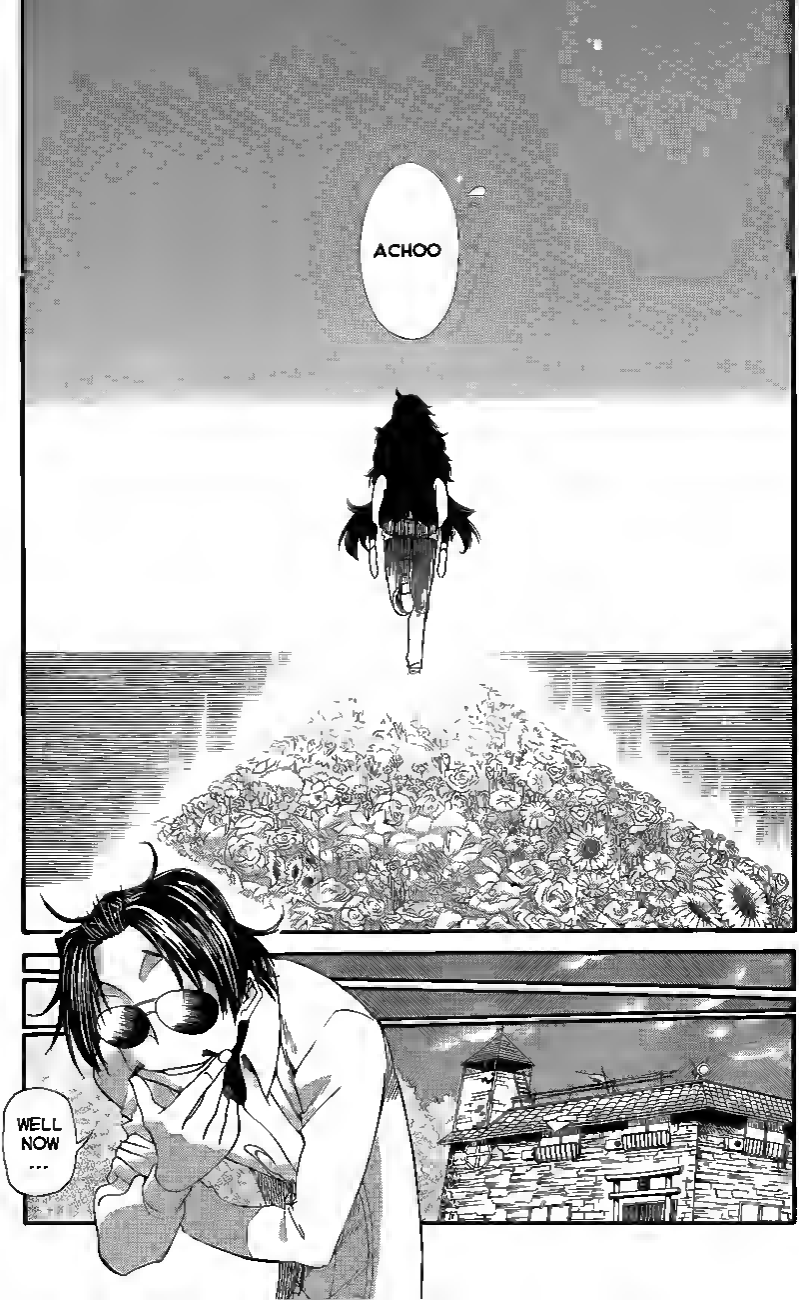
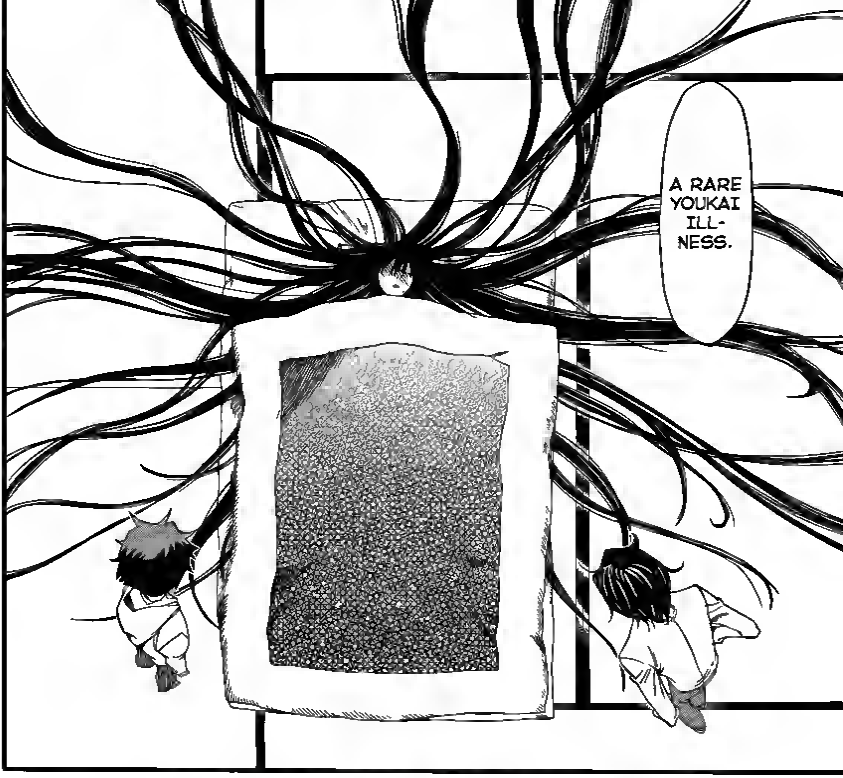
!?

SFX GRAB
PUT ME DOWN...
YOU CAN'T SEE WHAT YOU LOOK LIKE RIGHT NOW;
YOU AREN'T FINE ALL BY YOURSELF.


ACHOO
WELL NOW ...


A RARE YOUKAI ILL-NESS.

A BACTERIA ENTERS THE ORGAN THAT CONTROLS YOUKAI POWER
AND CAUSES OVER-HEATING
SHE USED UP HER ACCUMULATED YOUKAI POWER AND THUS WOUND UP IN THIS WEAKENED STATE, BECOMING INFECTED AS A RESULT.

YEAH, IT'S THE PRICE OF SUCH POWER...
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I HAVEN'T SEEN ICHII-KUN IN THIS STATE FOR A LONG TIME.
SHE WAS LIKE THIS A WHILE BACK?
KAMI-TANI-KUN, YOU DIDN'T KNOW?
I MET ICHII FOR THE FIRST TIME WHEN I ENTERED THE UNIVERSITY, RIGHT?
SO THERE'S NO WAY I COULD KNOW WHAT HAPPENED IN THE PAST.
HM...

WHAT A SAD FATE, HUH?
ICHII-KUN.
EH? WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?
NO, NO, IT'S NOTHING.
AH, RIGHT
I THINK THERE'S A MEDICINE THAT'LL BE EFFECTIVE AGAINST THIS RARE CONDITION.
IS THAT TRUE?!
I'LL GO GRAB IT AND BE RIGHT BACK.
ISN'T THAT GREAT, ICHII?
IHI-HIHI ...

I'LL LEAVE THE REST UP TO THE YOUNG COUPLE...
TSUKUI-SAN SURE IS TAKING HIS TIME
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ICHII, ARE YOU FEELING BETTER?
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EH?
PROMISE..

I PROM ISED TO PROTECT YOU...
GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF, ICHII. THIS ISN'T LIKE YOU.
GASP
WHE EZE
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SFX: AHH
SFX: CHOOO

A... AH HELL.
NO, ICHI!!
IF YOU USE YOUR POWER LIKE THIS...
!
GONNA... PASS OUT...
DAMN!! TSUKU-SAN ISN'T BACK YET?!
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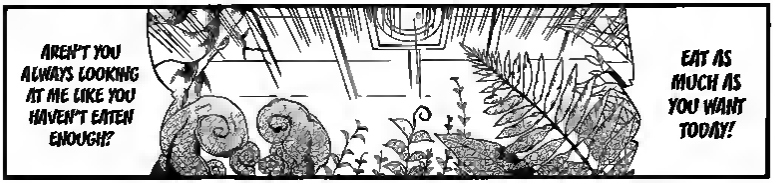
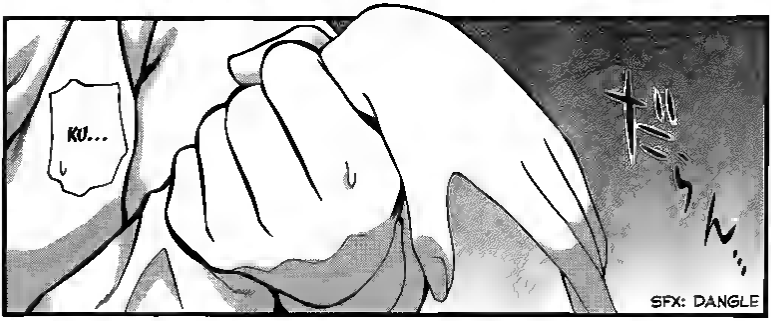
LOOK, ICHII! I'M YOUR FOOD!! EAT UP!!!

OH, RIGHT!


AREN'T YOU ALWAYS LOOKING AT ME LIKE YOU HAVEN'T EATEN ENOUGH?
EAT AS MUCH AS YOU WANT TODAY!


KU...
SFX: DANGLE

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO TAKE IT OUT BY MYSELF...
PANT
GASP
WHAT CAN I DO...?
WHE EZE
GASP
IS THAT THE ONLY WAY...?

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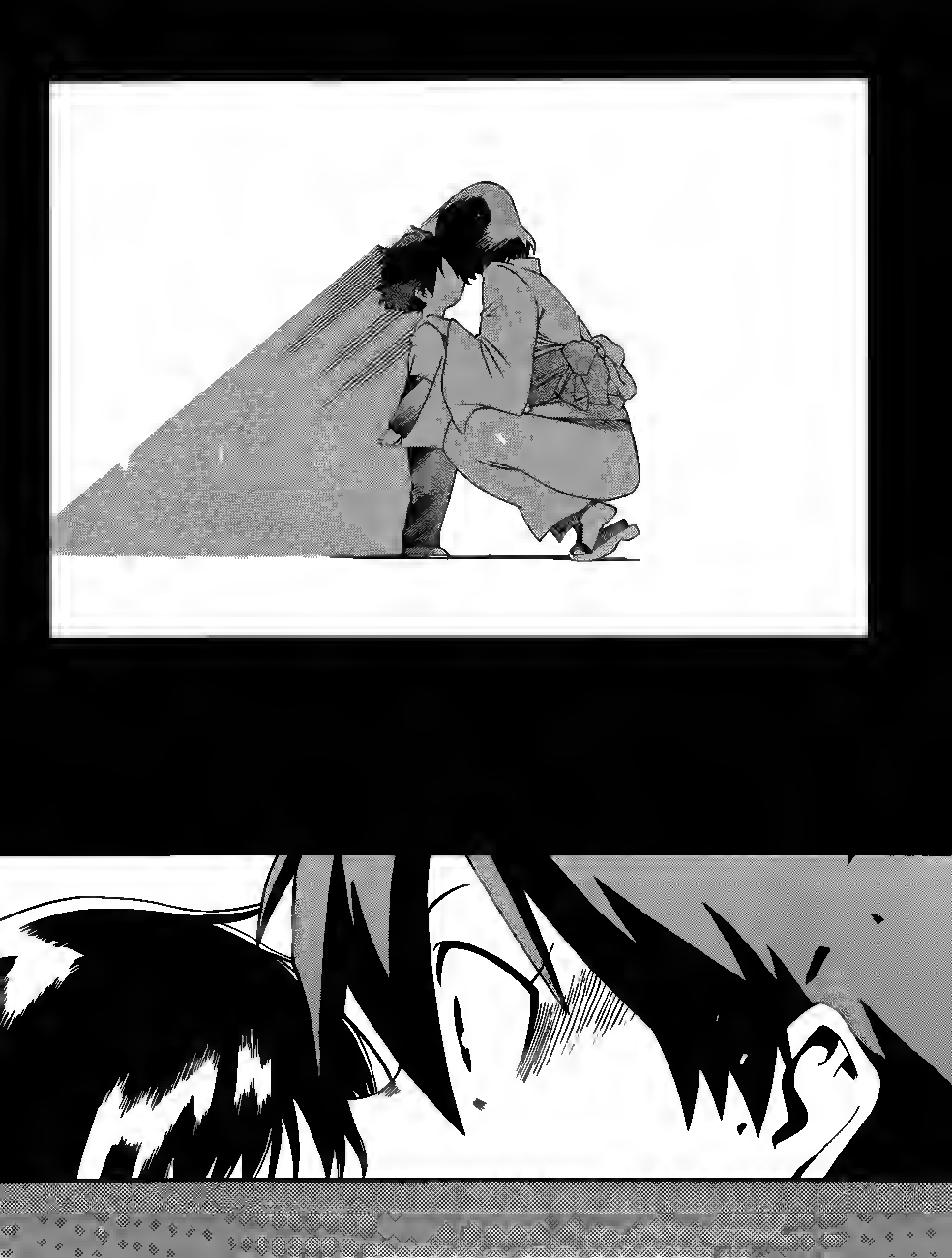
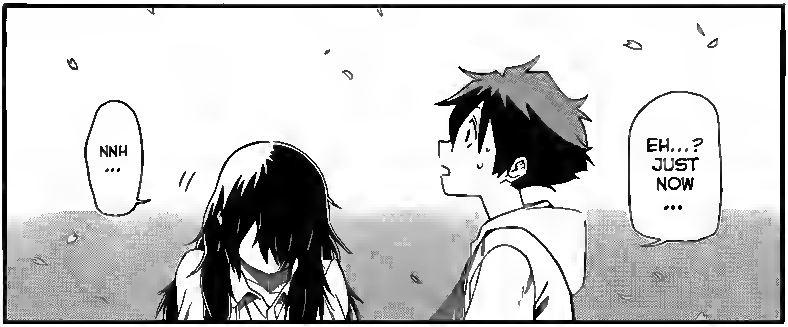
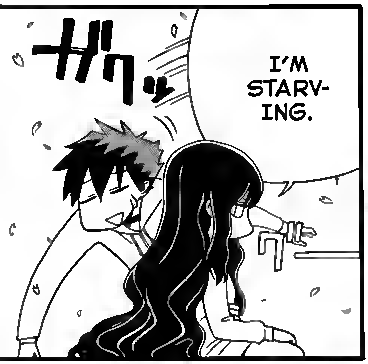
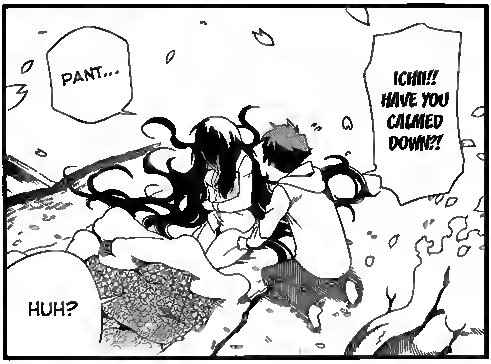
COUGH
URK
THIS IS A MEAL. JUST A MEAL.
AAAAH!! I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO DO!!!



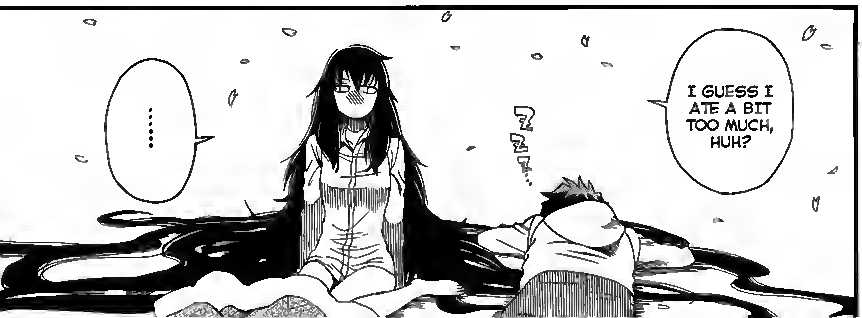

NNH...
EH...? JUST NOW...


I'M STARV-ING.


PANT...
ICHI!! HAVE YOU CALMED DOWN?!
HUH?

SFX: BOING

SFX: SNIFF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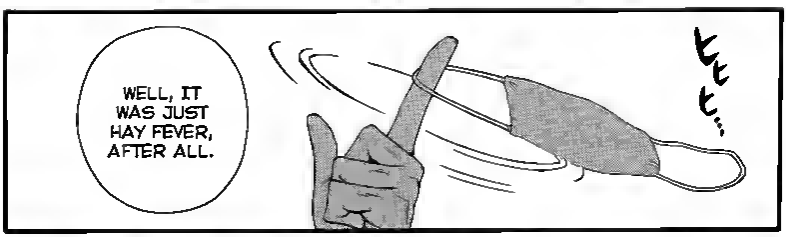
I GUESS I ATE A BIT TOO MUCH, HUH?



WHAT HAPPENED ON "THAT DAY"...?

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